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Dear Michigan Educator:

The Michigan State Board of Education and Department of Education present Michigan's Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE) for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade in English Language Arts and Mathematics. This document is the result of a process that included classroom teachers, curriculum specialists, academicians, and Michigan Department of Education staff. The GLCE are recognized as among the nation's best.

The GLCE provide teachers with an outline of learning expectations that will be used to drive curriculum and instruction for the next several years. The Content Expectations do not represent an entire "curriculum" of learning, nor do they tell you how they should be taught. The instructional details are in your hands as educators.

Although Michigan has always been considered a leader in the field of education, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 imposed new requirements. With your help, we have responded by making sure that every Michigan teacher knows what students should know and be able to do by the end of each grade. In some ways this raises the bar, but in all cases it clearly defines it.

Michigan will continue to lead the nation in the quality of education it provides its children. With your continued dedication to the art of teaching and a clear set of learning expectations, Michigan is assured of its pace-setting status.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of Michigan's students.

Sincerely,

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